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Engagement in the Virtual World

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8:00am-8:30am - Presentations by Alvin Community College's Choir & Drama Program

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8:30am-9:30am - Welcome

Dr. Cynthia Griffith, *Alvin Community College Vice President of Instruction*

Dr. Christal M. Albrecht, *Alvin Community College President*

Culture of Caring

Dr. Tamara Clunis, *Amarillo College Vice President of Academic Affairs*

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9:40am-10:40am - Session 1

Remote Instruction Demystified

Brian Berger, *Alvin Community College Distance Education Faculty Fellow*

Haley Collins, *Alvin Community College Professional Development Faculty Fellow*

A walkthrough of best practices in the virtual classroom, geared toward student engagement and technical support. Come join in for a joint presentation with ACC's dynamic faculty fellows! With the transition to remote instruction, faculty at all levels are looking at a new normal for their classrooms. In this session, join in for a mix of student engagement strategies, methods for encouraging active learning, technical support for faculty looking at teaching remotely and opportunities for discussion of teaching methods.

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The Hispanic Community and COVID-19: Education, Jobs, Justice & Politics

William Parent, *San Jacinto College Professor of Government*

Patrizio Amezcua, *San Jacinto College Professor of Government*

COVID-19 has impacted Hispanics in a multitude of ways. This session will explore the ramifications COVID-19 has had on the Hispanic community concerning education, the economy, justice, and the 2020 election.

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The Biden Plan for Higher Education

Gayland Capps, *Alvin Community College Grants Coordinator*

This presentation provides an overview of the plans that the Biden Administration will seek to implement for Higher Education in 2021.

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10:50am-11:50am - Session 2

An Overview of Virtual & Augmented Reality in the Community College Curriculum

Dr. JD Taliaferro, *Alvin Community College Transfer Coordinator HSI-STEM Grant*

Dr JD has been researching the usefulness of Virtual (VR) and Augmented (AR) tools and programming in technical training and development. Unfortunately, more questions than answers continue to be generated as the number of suppliers of the service have dramatically increased, software has become more user friendly, and the technology that provides the interaction or immersion evolves. In this presentation, the group will discuss and define existing terminology and formats, usefulness, potential uses, and roadblocks.

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Identifying Bias

Leigh Ann Moore, *Alvin Community College English Lead Faculty*

Recognizing bias in a variety of resources helps students identify the purpose of the text along with the perspective of the creator. See our new curriculum for Freshman Composition I that focuses on teaching students about bias using documentaries, research multimedia creation, and student choice.

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Our Labor of Love: Bringing BIOL 2401 Online

Dr. Nancy Fitzgerald, *Alvin Community College Instructor of Biology*

Dr. Christopher Pulido, *Alvin Community College Instructor of Biology*

Erin MacKenzie, *Alvin Community College Instructor of Biology*

Join the presenters for a walkthrough of how members of the Biology Department at Alvin Community College were able to take Anatomy and Physiology I Lecture and Lab content which has been done traditionally in a fully face-to-face course into a fully online class that functions in both a synchronous and asynchronous fashion.

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ACC Gap Report: Get to Know the Data About Our Students

Dr. Pamelyn Shefman, *Alvin Community College IER Executive Director*

Maria Starling, *Alvin Community College Instructor of Speech*

In the annual report for 2019-2020, IER released our first ever gap report. Find out what metrics for student success were reviewed and what gaps we found. This session will also be a roundtable discussion on next steps.

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11:50am-12:20pm - Lunch Break

12:20pm-1:20pm - Student Panel

Alvin Community College Students

Isabella Alvarez, Devon Crosby, Dylan Kappes, Kidest Melak & Joshua Moises

Presenters

Brian Berger, *Alvin Community College Distance Education Faculty Fellow*

Elizabeth McLane, *Alvin Community College Instructor of Government*

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1:30pm-2:30:pm - Session 3

Design and Promotion of a Virtual Safe Space

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, *Alvin Community College Mu Upsilon Chapter*

A Safe Space is a place or environment in which a person or category of people can feel confident that they will not be exposed to discrimination, criticism, harassment, or any other emotional or physical harm. The membership of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society has proposed the creation of a virtual Safe Space to provide a place for students to go for resources or simply to find that they are not alone.

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More Engaging Activities for the Classroom

Ashlea Massie, *Alvin Community College Instructor of English*

We've all heard about incorporating polls and Kahoot into our lessons, but what do you do when those activities become routine? This session goes beyond the typical activities used in classrooms and incorporates other games to help facilitate class. The array of activities provided will help the instructor to switch out games on a regular basis to further student engagement.

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Innovatively Connect in a Digitally Distant World through Personalized Learning

Joel Johnston, *Let Me Learn Executive Director*

This presentation will show you how you can connect authentically with learners by assessing learning behaviors and cataloguing their metacognition. Join an interactive session to explore how self-awareness and personalized learning can be used as approaches to meet the challenges you face.

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Video Lecture and Multimedia Creation

Alexander Swiger, *Alvin Community College Instructor of English*

This presentation will cover the basics using Screencast, Adobe Rush/Spark, and Sharestream (BB App) along with other basic programs (i.e. PowerPoint) and media sources (YouTube) to create video lectures and materials for online (and in-person) classes. Session will touch on accessibility, accountability, and copyright and intellectual property law (presenter is not a lawyer).

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2:40pm-3:00pm - Closing Remarks

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